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In re Patent Application of

Hermann P.T. AMMON et al.

Application No.: 09/011,977

Filed: June 15, 1998

For: USE OF BOSWELLIC ACID AND  
ITS DERIVATIVES FOR  
INHIBITING NORMAL AND  
INCREASED LEUCOCYTIC  
ELASTASE OR PLASMIN  
ACTIVITY

) Mailstop AF

) Group Art Unit: 1623

) Examiner: Howard V. Owens

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**REPLY & AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION**  
**PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.116**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In complete response to the Official Action mailed December 31, 2002, please  
amend the subject application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

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Please cancel claim 17, without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter  
contained therein.

Please amend the following claims:

10. (Five Times/Amended) A method for combating diseases selected from the  
group consisting of pulmonary emphysema, acute respiratory distress syndrome, shock  
lung, cystic fibrosis (mucoviscidosis), glomerulonephritis and rheumatoid arthritis, which

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